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1. YUGOSLAV MEDIA NOV 1 FOCUS ON SADAT ADDRESS TO EGYPTIAN AND FOREIGN PRESS. BELGRADE'S LEADING DAILY POLITIKA CARRIES EXTENSIVE FRON-PAGE TANJUG REPORT HAEALINED: "ARABS DO NOT WANT IMPOSED PEACE."

POLITIKA CITES MAIN HIGLIGHTS OF SPEECH AS SUBTITLES, WHICH INCLUDE: "CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE OF US AND FRIENDLY ASSITANCE OF USSR;" ALSO: "KISSINGER IN CAIRO NOV 6-7."

2. INCREASED OPTIMISM FOR NEGOTIATED PEACE SETTLEMENT MOTED IN RECENT PRESS COMMENTARIES. BORBA'S BEIRUT CORR (PAVLOVIC) WIRTES ON NO 1 THAT SINCE MID EAST CEASE-FIRE, THERE ARE SIGNS OF "NEW CLIMATE" IN WHICH JUST PEACE CAN BE ACHIEVED THROUGH VIGOROUS HIGH-LEVEL DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY, INCLUDING U.S. PRESSURE ON ISRAEL, AND ARAB USE OF "OIL WEAPON" AGAINST SUPPORTERS OF "ISRAELI AGGRESSION." POLITIKA'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMENTATOR RADENKOVIC OFFERS SIMILAR VIEWS IN NOV 1 EDIT. AS UNCLASSIFIED

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INCENTIVE FOR PROMPT SETTLEMENT OF MID-EAST

CRISIS, RADENKOVIC CITES INTERNATIONAL ISOLATION OF ISRAEL WHICH HAS BROUGHT "NOTICABLE POLITICAL LONELINESS" TO US, "EVEN WITH RESPECT TO ITS CLOSEST NATO ALLIES," AND THAT POLICY OF SUPPORT TO ISRAEL "IS BORNE WITH INCREASING DIFFICULTY" BY WASHINGTON.

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